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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PADEM in re Application of: Reginald Hunter

Serial No.:

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For:

Method and Apparatus to

Provide for Automated Process Verification and Hierarchical Substrate Examination

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **Group Art Unit:**

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Examiner:

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 26, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ AMAT/3083.P7/AOP, \$264.00 for excess claim fees, and any additional amount for other fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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